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For: **METHOD FOR STOCHASTIC SELECTION OF IMPROVED COST  
METRIC BACKUP PATHS IN SHARED-MESH PROTECTION  
NETWORKS**

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

**REPLY PURSUANT TO 37 CFR § 1.111**

In response to the Official Action dated **April 20, 2007**, reconsideration is respectfully requested in view of the amendments and/or remarks as indicated below:

- ☐ **Amendments to the Specification** begin on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper.
- ☒ **Amendments to the Claims** are reflected in the listing of the claims which begins on page 2 of this paper.
- ☐ **Amendments to the Drawings** begin on page \_\_\_\_\_ of this paper and include an attached replacement sheet.
- ☒ **Remarks** begin on page 9 of this paper.